Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 29 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 30 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 28 Mar 2023 at 16:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather to continue into the weekend. High for a brighter day on Thursday.

Headline for Wednesday 29 Mar 2023: Cloudy and windy with showers, turning more frequent in the afternoon

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 29 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Fog	Drizzle	Drizzle	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	40%	70%	60%	60%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 29 Mar 2023

Weather: A lot of cloud through the day shrouding many summits, but northern Argyll and southern Lochaber will occasionally brighten up. A few showers will pass by in the morning, showers becoming more frequent and heavier from the south as the afternoon wears on. Showers will continue into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%

Low Cloud and visibility: Often poor in cloud down to 500 to 800 metres. Cloud thinning across northern Argyll and southern Lochaber at times with better visibility and a few patches of cloud around 800 metres.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/24 SE	24/29 SE	29/36 SE	33/41 SE	39/49 SE	44/56 SE	35/46 S	30/39 S	25/32 S
900	14/18 S	16/22 SE	19/24 SE	22/30 SE	27/37 SE	30/41 SE	25/35 S	22/30 S	18/25 S
600	10/13 S	12/16 SE	18/24 SE	26/34 SE	32/41 SE	35/46 S	30/40 S	25/33 S	18/25 S
300	7/11 SE	7/12 SE	11/17 SE	16/25 SE	18/28 SE	20/31 SE	17/27 S	13/21 S	10/18 S
Glen	4/7 S	4/9 SE	3/8 S	7/17 S	11/24 S	12/27 SE	13/27 S	8/18 S	7/16 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-5	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5	2/-5	1/-5
900	2/-3	2/-3	2/-3	3/-3	4/-2	5/-1	5/-1	4/-1	4/-1
600	5/2	6/3	6/2	7/2	7/2	7/2	8/3	7/2	6/2
300	7/5	7/5	7/5	8/4	9/5	9/6	9/6	9/6	8/5
Glen	7/6	8/7	8/7	10/8	11/8	11/9	11/8	10/8	9/8
Freezing Level*	1500m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1800m	1700m	1600m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Summit gales will make for slow progress through the day and some drenching conditions as rain passes by.

Forecast for Thursday 30 Mar 2023

Weather: After a cloudy start it will be a much brighter day with some passing showers. Showers will be wintry on the very highest tops. Blustery summits winds.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly average speeds of 25 mph with gusts of 35 mph or so on the summits

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, best chance in the afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Patches of cloud around 700 to 900 metres.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to 13 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: 1400 metres

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